

METHODS FOR ACCESSING AND POPULATING COMMUNITY WEBSITES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for providing access to a plurality of community information areas on a website having a registration database of members, and for further populating the website with new members in a relatively secure manner. A first information area is provided that contains information which is personal to a registered member user. At least one other information area is provided that has information relating to, and overlying, the first information. A registered user can send out invitations to non-registered users, with an identifier assigned to the relationship between the registered user and the invited non-registered user. An access level to the information areas is assigned as dependant upon the relationship. A central administrator can monitor and override certain invitations that are not appropriate. Between the self-policing nature of the invitation process, and the central administrator, the population of the website is increased in a relatively secure manner. The information is thereby accessed to varying degrees depending upon the access level of the user.

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